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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/728,788	INOUE ET AL.
	Examiner Paul J. Hirsch	Art Unit 3753

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 February 2004; 2/17/04.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/17/04.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- A. Claim 2, lines 1-2, "said projection is formed" lacks proper antecedence basis and is grammatically awkward.
- B. Claim 2, lines 2-3, the multiple recitation of shapes for the same projection is inherently self contradictory. The insertion of –one of— after "into" in line 2 would correct this.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Appelquist et al. Appelquist et al teaches inner and outer tubes with the outer tube having indented dome shaped projections in a staggered configuration (fig. 1) for heat transfer as recited by the claims. In regard to claim 4, while the projections are

staggered in one reference plane they are also helically arranged in a continuous relationship as also depicted by fig. 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 7, 8, 9/5, 9/7-8, 10/5, 10/7-8, 11/5, and 11/7-8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Appelquist et al in view of Hougland et al. Hougland et al teaches two distinct fluid flowing in opposite directions which would be obvious within Appelquist et al if such is not already true. The fluids that are used for cooling and/or to cool are considered a matter of obvious choice dependent on application of use. Note fluids of the references applied. In regard to claims 9-11, it is noted that Applequist et al teaches (col. 2, lines 45-56; col. 3, lines 4-25 for example) that the projections are to increase turbulence affecting heat transfer, and the depth of the projections also affects heat transfer. Accordingly, the number of and specific arrangement of the projections are considered obvious matters of design dependent on the degree of heat transfer desired as well as selectively reducing or increasing turbulence.

Claims 6 and 9-11/6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Appelquist et al and Hougland et al as applied to claims 5 above, and further in view of Carnavos. The use of leak detection pipe structure within Appelquist et al for

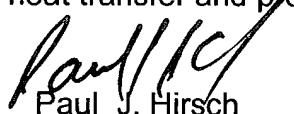
knowing of fluid leakage would be obvious from Carnavos (col. 1, lines 54-62 for example) for obvious benefit in stopping fluid loss.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul J. Hirsch whose telephone number is 703-308-1148. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Mancene can be reached on 703 3082696. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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D-H are cited as further teachings including heat transfer and projection shapes.


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